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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Applicant's representative elects claims 1-12 without traverse.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The objection to claims 3, 5 and 7 have been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Duplicate claims 5 and 7 have been canceled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. While Applicant's representative doesn't necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation, claim 12 has been canceled to advance prosecution.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Condit '183 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Condit in view of Nelson has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Claim 4 depends from claim 1, which is now believed to be allowable.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

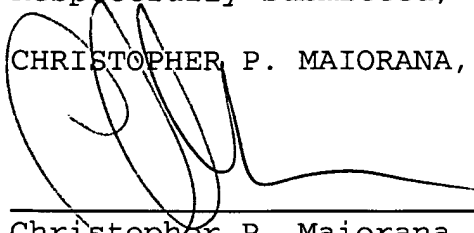
The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.



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